

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Birgid SCHLEIFENBAUM, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/686,297

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: June 15, 2001

Examiner: Wong, Leslie A.

For: ENCAPSULATED FLAVOR AND/OR FRAGRANCE PREPARATIONS

Attorney Docket No.: 3968.031

AMENDMENT B

Attn: Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 23, 2002, the period for response being extended from March 23, 2003, to May 23, 2003, by a Petition for Two Months Extension filed herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: (Clean Version)

Please cancel claims 18-20.

Please add the following new claims:

--21. A continuous process for encapsulating a flavoring and/or perfume preparation, said process comprising: